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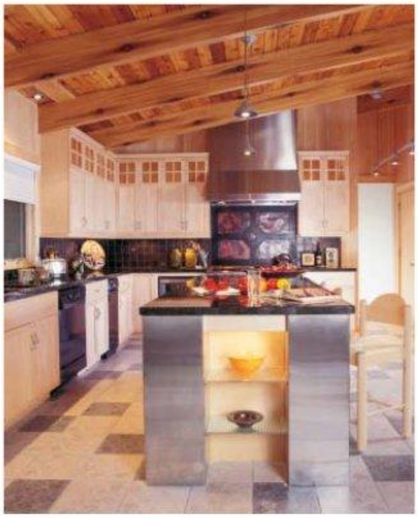
TOM GALLIHER.

THE BIGGEST KITCHEN EVENT EVER TO HAPPEN IN NORTHWEST MICHIGAN IS SET FOR Saturday, November 1.

We hear you Northern Michigan: our region is in love with food, wine, cooking and entertaining. In honor of those worthy passions, *Northern Home & Cottage* is co-sponsoring The Ultimate Up North Kitchen Tour—a tribute to the room that is the heart, hive and control center of all of those deliciously wonderful things. After over a year of planning, of scouring Northwest Michigan for cool kitchens in all sizes and styles, after pulling together the signs, lining up volunteers and a million other details that make an event like this tick, The Ultimate Up North Kitchen Tour is happening Saturday, November 1. Mark the date on your calendar—the day when 19 owners of spectacular kitchens from Cheboygan to Manistee let you in for a peek.

TICKETS
The Ultimate Up North Kitchen Tour is Saturday, **November 1, 2008.** Tickets are $10 in advance, $12 the day of. Buy tickets online at **MyNorth.com/Store** or at any of the locations listed on page NHC23.

Our partner in this event is the Northern Michigan chapter of the National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA), a group of dynamic designers at the forefront of their industry. Given the energy in this chapter, it comes as no surprise that **the current president of NKBA nationwide, designer Sara Busby, came out of this Northern Michigan group. You'll see two of Busby's kitchens on the tour.**

In fact, each of these 19 kitchens was designed by an NKBA designer who will be on hand the day of the tour to explain how they worked their magic. Enchanted by corbels, moldings and granite patterns? Want to see how a dinky old-cottage kitchen was transformed into something you'd find in a gracious country home? Ever thought of mixing up your cabinetry finishes? We've got the kitchens for you to see. You might also run into Steve Cobb, the regional rep for our tour sponsor, Sub-Zero Wolf Appliances, showing off the bells, whistles and uber-efficiency of Sub-Zero refrigerators and Wolf ranges, hoods and ovens.

The kitchens are grouped so that you should be able to make it to about half of them easily from any departure point in Northwest Michigan. The ticket price, $10 ($12 the day of), is structured accordingly. Use the Kitchen Tour Guide section on page NHC23 to help you map out your day.

I don't want to sign off without telling you that proceeds from ticket sales for this tour benefit the NKBA scholarship fund and two Northern Michigan chapters of Habitat for Humanity—a nice fit with the giving theme echoed this month in our parent publication, *Traverse Northern Michigan's Magazine*. I'll see you on the tour!

Elizabeth Edwards

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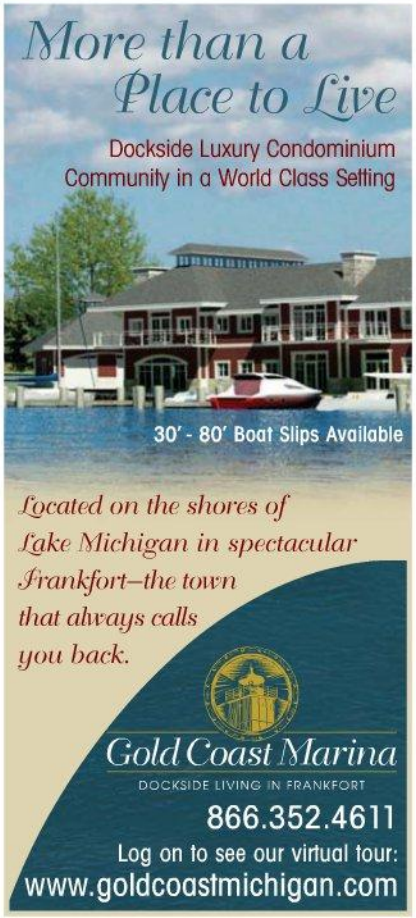

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A little old, a little new, a little shimmer and lots of blue.

BY **LYNDA TWARDOWSKI**

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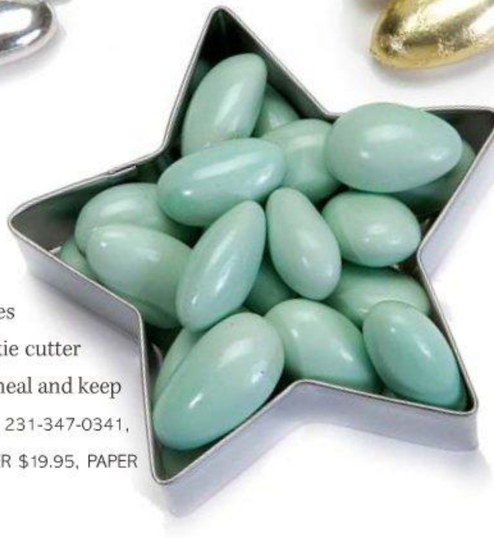

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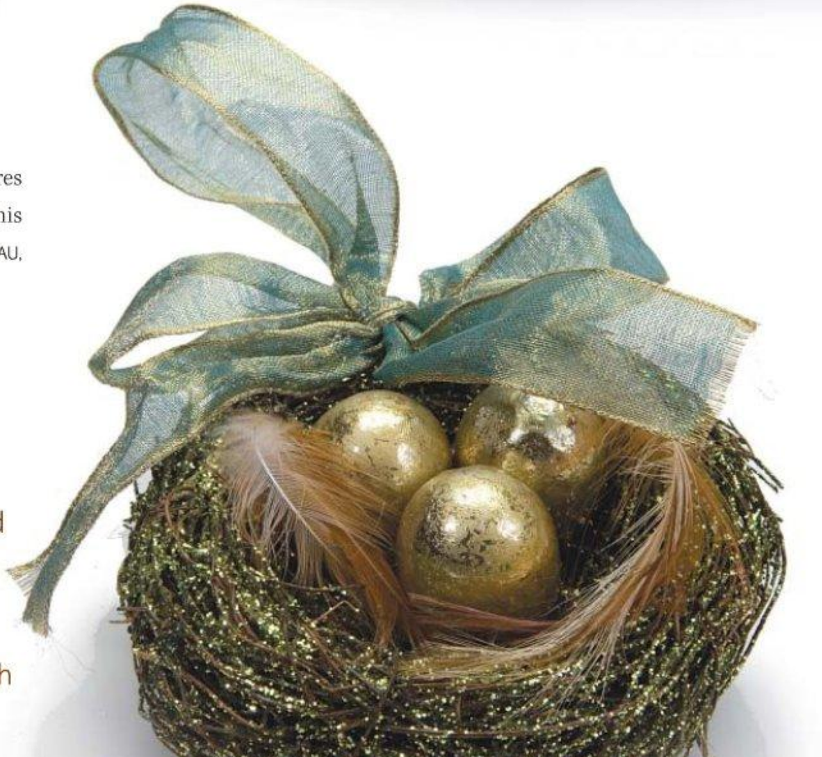
Dress up your holiday dinner party with place-setting décor that does double duty: Festoon each guest's plate with a holiday-themed cookie cutter filled with colorful candied almonds. Guests can munch before the meal and keep the cutter as a take-home gift. STAR, $.95 AT CUTLERS IN PETOSKEY, 231-347-0341, CUTLERSONLINE.COM; BLUE OR GOLD FOIL-WRAPPED ALMONDS $9.95; SILVER $19.95, PAPER AND PRESENTS, TRAVERSE CITY, 231-941-1444.

Quick change

People say paint is the simplest way to transform the look of a room. Those people have never taped off molding, washed a crusty paintbrush or lived with a child. If they had, they'd know it's far easier to change the sheets and toss on a quilt like this cozy toile-and-striped one, which comes with matching striped bed skirt, pillowcases and toile pillow shams. 15 minutes and $450 is all you need. STEWART-ZACKS, TRAVERSE CITY, 231-947-2322, STEWARTZACKS.COM.

Sharp Idea

Easy, inexpensive and essential to your holiday hors d'oeuvres arsenal: a warm baguette, a few wedges of cheese and this elegant serving set. $17 AT HOME-JETTON MILLER, LAKE LEELANAU, 231-256-7855, KNOWN.COM/ATHOME.



Out *on a* Limb

Nature-inspired décor need not be only mud colored or moose covered. Feather your nest—or your Christmas tree—with pieces inspired by Mother Nature's softer side, such as this sparkly, beribboned bird's nest. $12, PRINCESS AND THE PEA, ELK RAPIDS. 231-264-8031.

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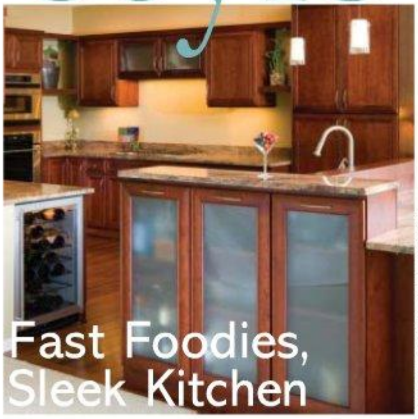

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Fast Foodies, Sleek Kitchen

On their way to renovating their kitchen, April Stuck and Dave Mertz fell in love with modern design.

Avid runners and all-around outdoors lovers, April Stuck and Dave Mertz are more apt to fire up the grill than the range. So when they went to remodel the dated kitchen in their home on Grand Traverse Bay, the couple wanted a no-nonsense kitchen that moves as fast as they do. But they also wanted it to be the hub of their home both for relaxing and entertaining.

After browsing decor magazines for ideas the couple fell in love with modern design—a style that is a departure from their traditional home. The challenge for kitchen designer, Sandra Bargiel of Bay Cabinetry: How to integrate that modern look with the rest of the home. But first, Bargiel had to address flow and efficiency problems in the existing kitchen. Bargiel solved the space problems in the kitchen with a unique 3-tiered island that houses the kitchen sink, work and eating areas and a standup bar. To achieve the integration between modern and traditional, Bargiel selected cherry cabinetry for its warm, rich tones then paired it with a cherry floor for a seamless modern look.

FOR THE FULL STORY, MORE PHOTOS AND RESOURCES FOR THIS STUNNING MAKEOVER, PLEASE GO TO MYNORTH.COM/LINKS.

Find out how to see this kitchen on tour on page 39.

RESOURCES

DESIGNER
Sandra Bargiel, CKD, Bay Cabinetry, Traverse City, 231-946-6882, baycabinetry.com

HOME CONTRACTOR
Midlake Builders, Traverse City, 231-995-0303, midlakebuilders.com

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Holiday Survival Kit

Essential kitchen accessories

Whether you're hosting a holiday party or attending one, life is infinitely easier when you've got a good (or good-looking) gadget on your side. Here are three faves:

Apple Peeler

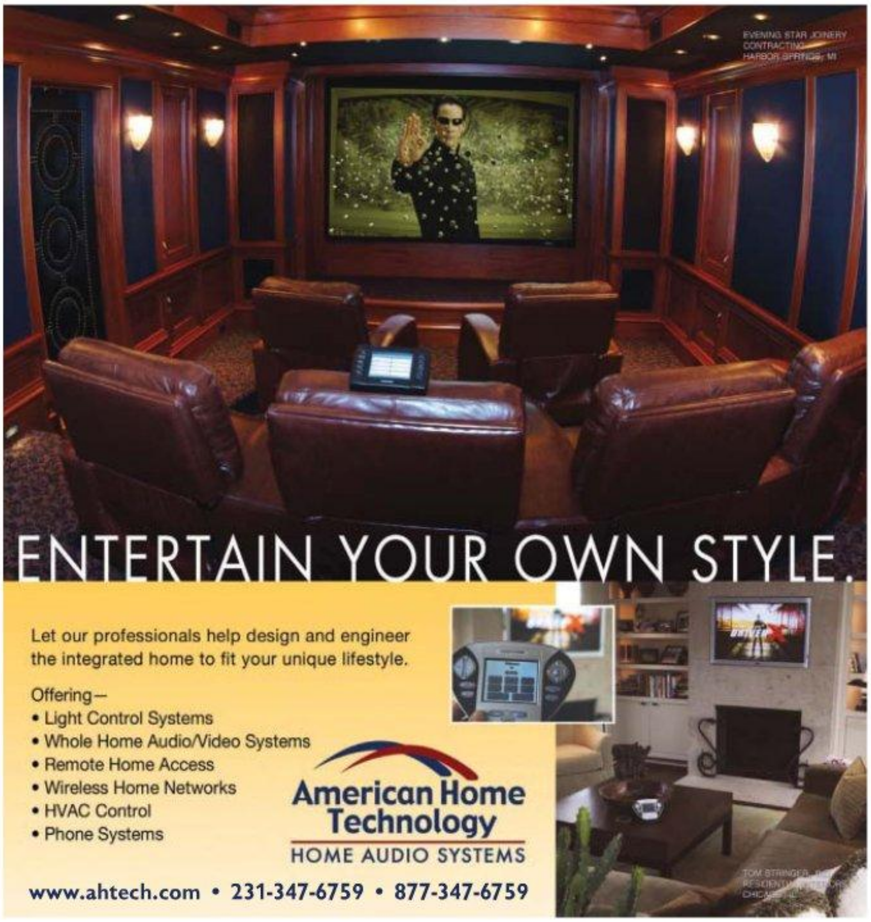
It may look like a medieval torture device, but it is, in fact, an apple pie-baker's best friend. It works like this: stick an apple on the prongs, turn the handle and watch in amazement as your apple is quickly peeled, cored and sliced into one long, thin curl. Remove the corer, and it works for potatoes too. $29.95, ISABELLA'S COPPER POT, GAYLORD, 989-731-9700.

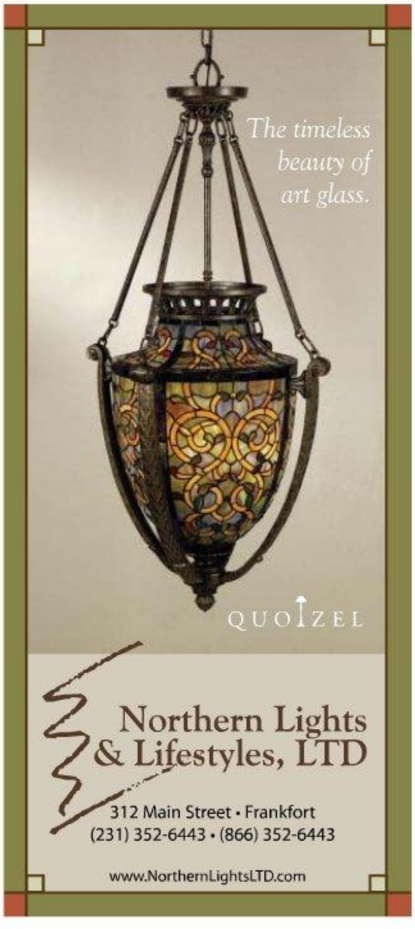
Gloveables

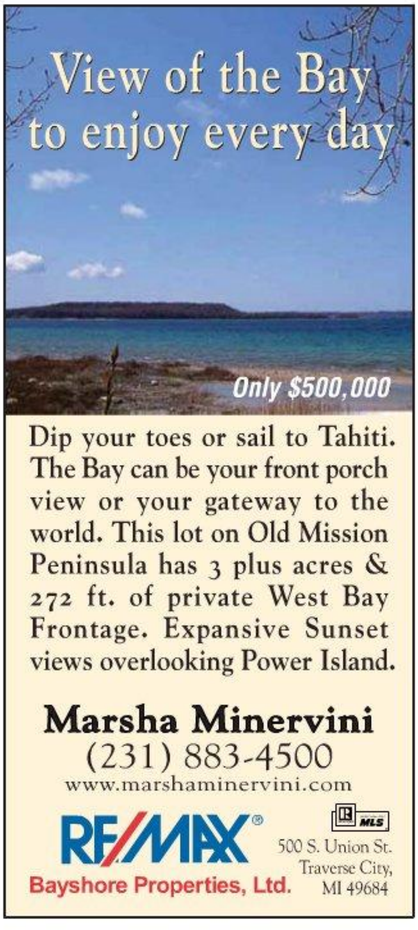
Madge can go ahead and soak in it. When I do dishes, I prefer to keep my hands out of the soapy water and its floating foodstuffs. I also enjoy looking adorable. That said, wearing bright blue dish gloves trimmed with gingham-checked ruffles and prim bows almost makes me *want* to do the Thanksgiving Day dishes. Almost. $17.95, VARIETY OF COLORS AVAILABLE, TWIGGS FLORAL AND GIFTS, ELK RAPIDS, 231-264-5000.

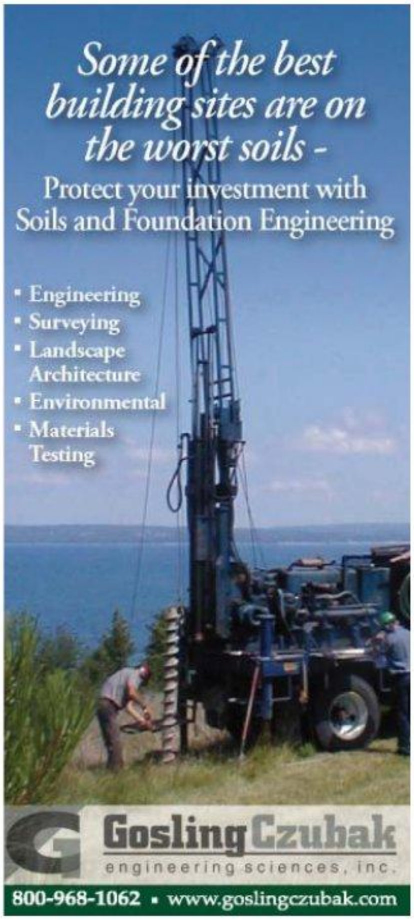
Ice Cream Cooler

Don't feel like bringing homemade apple pie to the holiday party? Volunteer your sister for the job, then offer to bring the vanilla ice cream to top the pie. With this ice cream cooler, you can easily (and stylishly) tote a half-gallon to the party. $17.95, ISABELLA'S COPPER POT, GAYLORD, 231-731-9700.—**L.T.**





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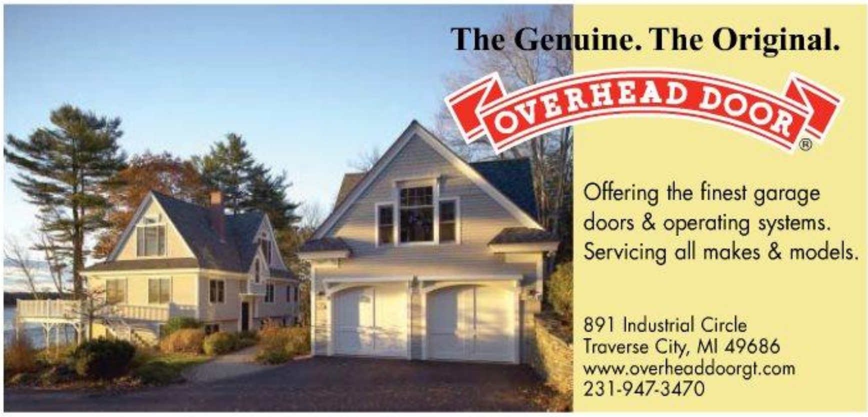
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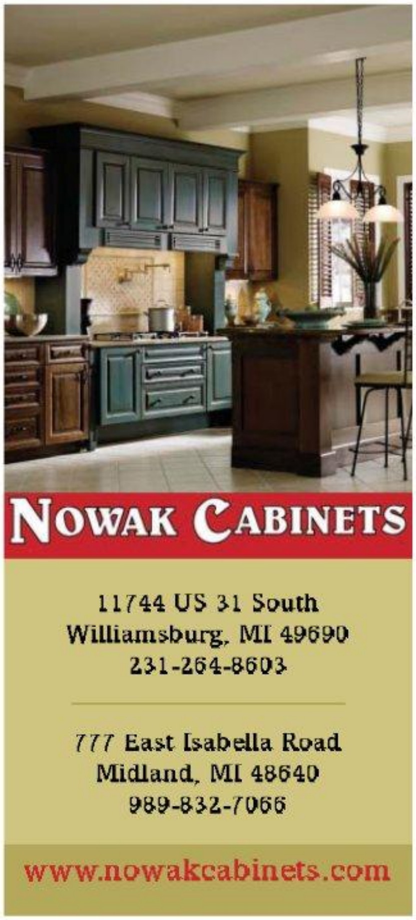
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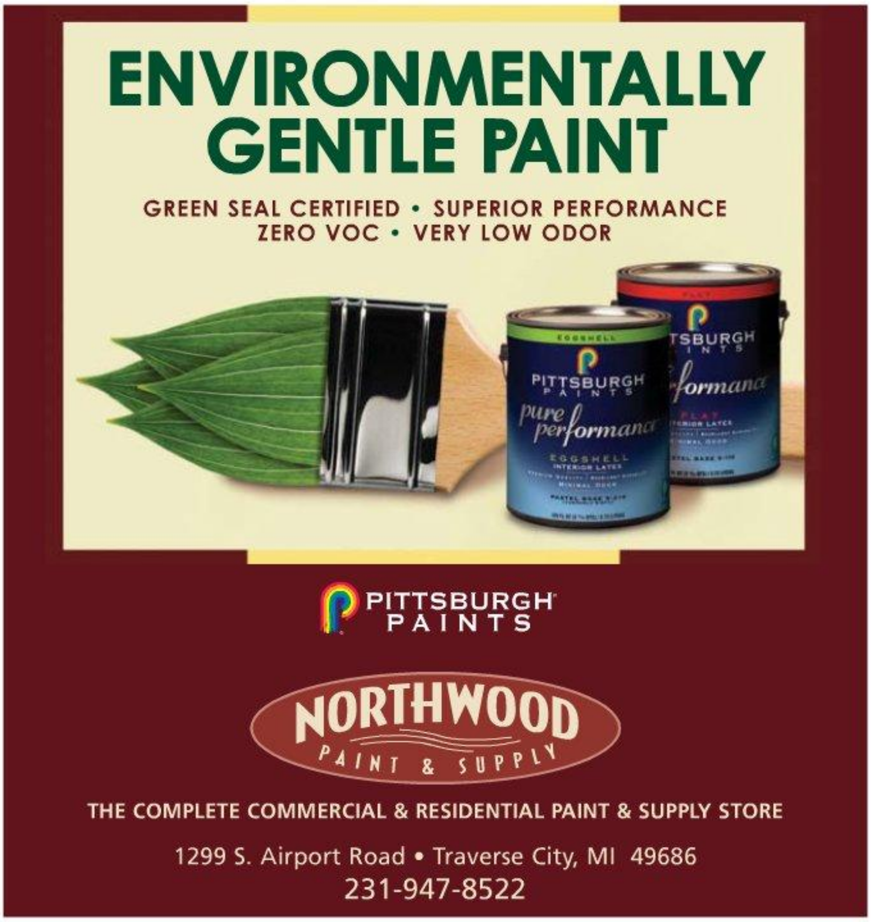
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You are active in NKBA (National Kitchen and Bath Association), so I assume you recommend hiring NKBA members?

Membership isn't enough. You should hire NKBA-certified kitchen and bathroom designers. In order to pass the tests you have to take 60 hours of professional development courses that cover those things that really help a client avoid costly mistakes.

The ultimate NKBA certification is master kitchen and bath designer. Besides passing both tests you have to have 100 hours of professional development courses, 10 years in the industry and affidavits from clients and other professionals.

Do you have a design peeve?

Over-the-range microwave hoods [a microwave that doubles as a range hood]. They are dangerous—especially if you install them over gas ranges. That means reaching over an open flame.

Tell me about some hot kitchen trends?

Magnetic induction cooktops. I think they will overtake gas eventually. They don't waste any energy whatsoever. You use a pan that is attracted by a magnet.

Anything else?

Pop-up electrical outlet towers. It seems like everyone I'm doing an island for wants one. You push it down when you're not using it, pull it up when you are.—E.E.

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The Little Black Dress KITCHEN

From family dinners to elegant dinner parties, this kitchen is always in style.

TEXT BY
ELIZABETH EDWARDS

PHOTOGRAPHS BY
TODD ZAWISTOWSKI

Kim Scholl's kitchen is so refreshingly different you can't help tossing out adjectives when you see it: creative, stylish and smart all come to mind. But here's one metaphor that sums them all up: Scholl's is the little black dress of kitchens. On weeknights the bright, efficient space does casual perfectly as a gathering space for the Scholl family. Nine-year-old Max and six-year-old Mamie do their homework on the island while Kim cooks. When Stefan Scholl, a Petoskey attorney, gets home from work, he joins his family in the kitchen—invariably stepping over Beauregard, the pet French bulldog.

But on weekend evenings, this little black dress puts on its pearls. That's when the fireplace across from the island gets lit and its flames glint off the flecks of crystal in the black granite countertops and the wine glasses lined up on the open shelving. The quilted stainless front on the refrigerator gleams like a piece of modern art, and the island's fat, multi-sized beaded legs look like a piece of jazzy jewelry waiting to be worn for a night on the town. "I call it the Regency look—black and white, sleek and simple," Scholl says.

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DESIGNER
Dawn Whyte, Designs by Dawn, Petoskey, 231-347-1977, lakestreetdesign studio.com

CONTRACTOR
J.R. Construction, Petoskey. 231-347-6518

CABINETRY
Starmark, starmark cabinetry.com

COUNTERTOPS
Luna pearl granite, Jason Kelley, Petoskey, 231-347-1542.

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Alanson Sheet Metal, Alanson, 231-548-2823

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Creative Millwork, Harbor Springs, 231-526-0201.

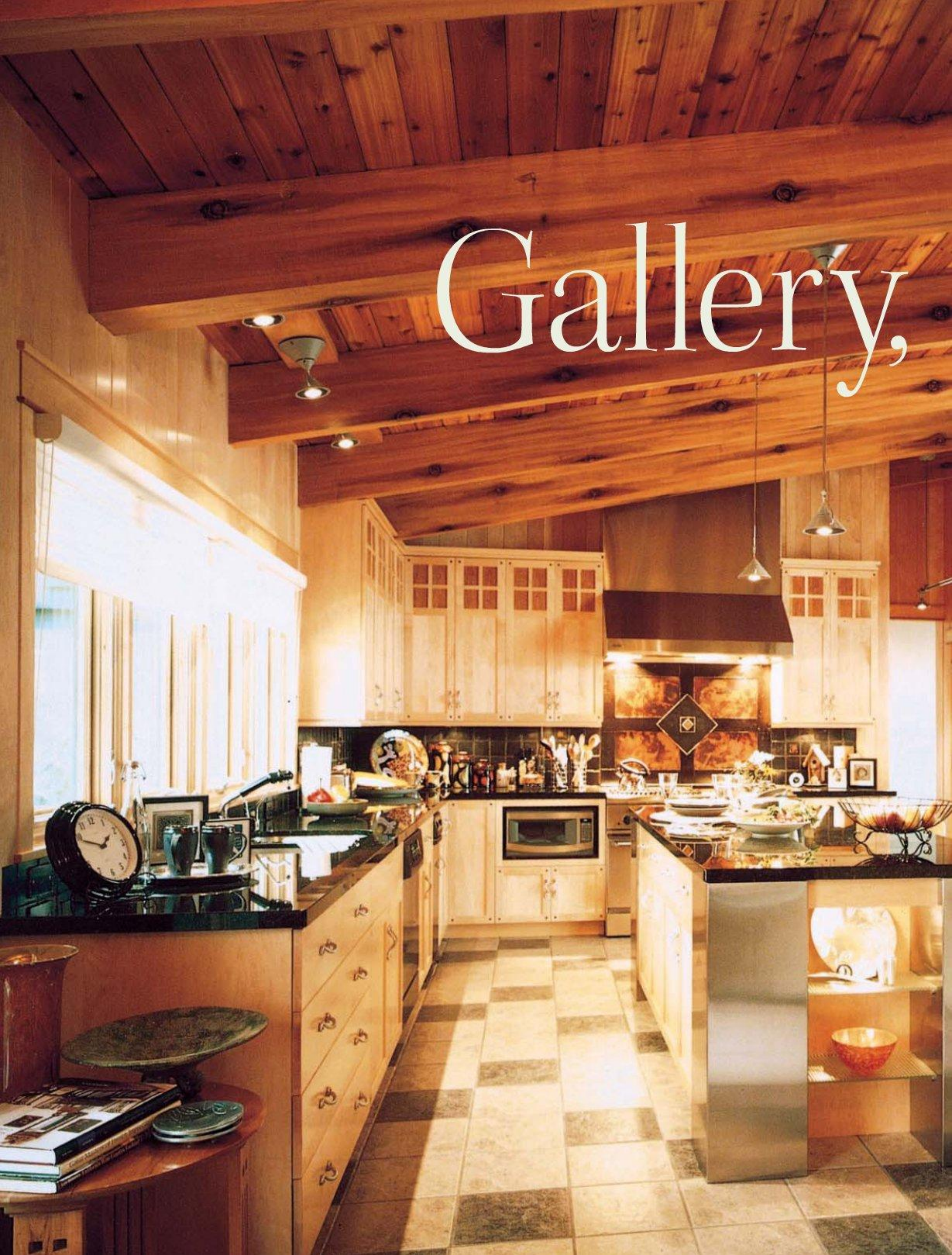
What appears effortlessly elegant is the product of two resourceful, creative women who weren't afraid to take chances: Scholl, who is an interior designer by training, and her kitchen designer, Dawn Whyte of Lake Street Design Studio in Petoskey. "Kim had her definite ideas about the textures and functionality she wanted in a kitchen. I took her wish list and translated it into kitchen designer terms," says Whyte.

To begin the design process, Scholl outlined the elements she wanted in a kitchen: open shelving, computer desk, generous island and a black-and-white color palette.

Whyte worked on the blueprint and found the white Starmark cabinetry in a simple, Shaker style that would offer the clean lines Scholl was looking for.

Then the fun began. When Scholl showed Whyte a quilted stainless backsplash in a magazine story, Whyte suggested they run with the idea—but as a panel on the refrigerator instead. A couple of phone calls later, Alanson Sheet Metal was on the job. Emboldened, Scholl described the legs she envisioned for her new island. Whyte drew them up and Scholl took the drawing to Creative Millwork in Harbor Springs.

Finding the Luna Pearl granite was serendipitous—the Scholls' was the winning bid on a square slab of the granite at a fundraising auction for their son's hockey program. Luck perhaps, but when the wine is poured for guests gathered around the shimmering piece of granite, it doesn't feel like a stretch to believe that there's a bit of enchantment in this kitchen.



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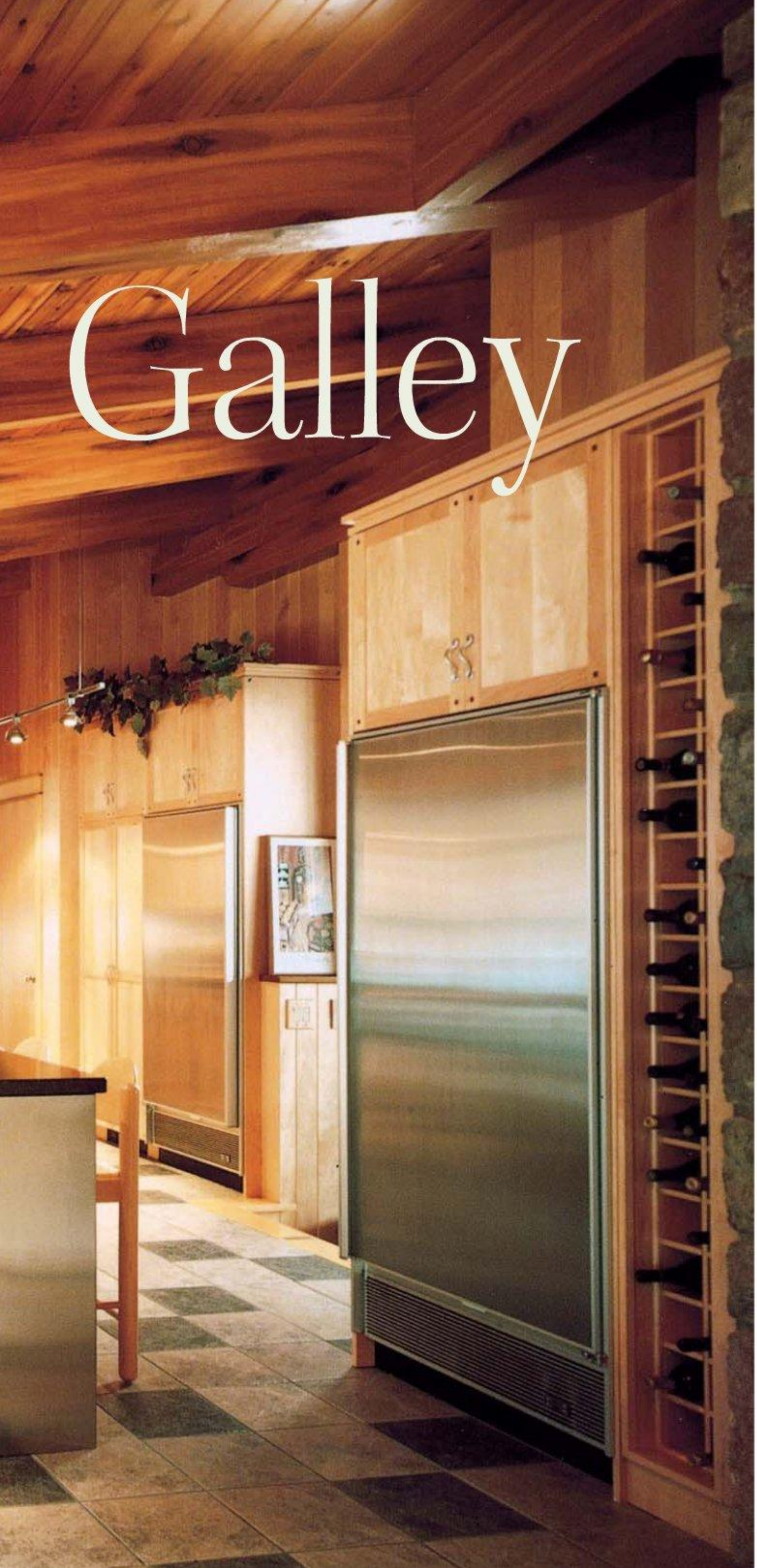

Galley

A kitchen designed for art lovers who cook.

TEXT BY **ELIZABETH EDWARDS**

For many years Bill Banks owned an art gallery in Santa Fe, so it's only natural that paintings and prints play a vibrant and evocative role in the Walloon Lake home he owns with his wife, Leslie. Contrary to what you might expect, however, the art does not feel transplanted from the Southwest to the North Country. Rather, the pieces feel connected to the landscape around them—a testimonial to the eye of the collector.

Not a surprise then, that when the couple went to remodel the cramped, dark and outdated kitchen in their summer home, they wanted to open it up to the landscape here—a captivating lake view outside the home—and use materials that feel organic to Northern Michigan. For help they turned to Petoskey kitchen designer Liz Firebaugh. Job one for Firebaugh was removing the 1960's patina—beige walls, nondescript linoleum and a wall blocking

TOM GALLIHER

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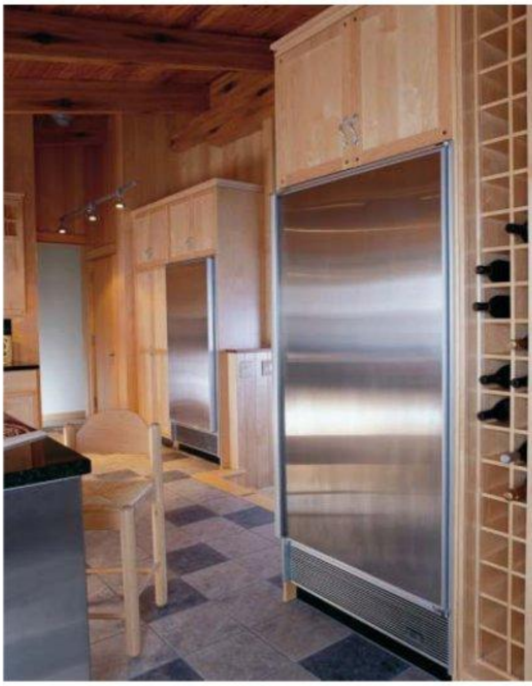

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COUNTERTOPS
Uba Tuba,

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the kitchen from a view of the lake through generous living room windows.

By knocking through to the old laundry room, Firebaugh created a long, semi-galley style kitchen with space for a generous island at its center. Cutting a new entrance to the living room opened up the kitchen to the turquoise Walloon waters. The old acoustical-tile ceiling was re-clad in cedar, and beams that had been painted dark brown years before were faux-painted to match the cedar. "Even the knotholes were painted in—you absolutely can't tell," says Leslie.

Firebaugh filled in that new background with maple Prairie-style cabinets, 12-by-12-inch ceramic tiles in limestone tones and dark granite countertops. Stainless steel appliances, range hood and panels on the island keep the room feeling contemporary, as does the lighting, which is carried out in a variety of mini pendants. The commercial grade stove, over-sized refrigerator, floor-to-ceiling wine rack and efficient workspace are all tailored to a couple whose definition of art isn't limited to a canvas.

The kitchen's pièce de résistance is a distressed copper-and-tile frieze stove backsplash that is mimicked in miniature in the counter backsplash. But another touch makes an equally bold statement: a display area tucked into the end of the island outfitted with thick glass shelves and recessed lighting, recalling an upscale art gallery. In this 12-by-36-inch niche, Firebaugh set the theme of the kitchen with a stroke of her own artistry.

THE ULTIMATE *Up North* KITCHEN TOUR

NOVEMBER 1, 2008

Welcome to the 2008 Ultimate Up North Kitchen Tour, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, November 1. Read on for tantalizing peeks and directions to all 19 kitchens on the tour. And don't forget to take this guide along on the tour. The kitchens are grouped so that you can make it to about half of them easily from anywhere in Northwest Michigan.

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1 Russo, Cheboygan

DESIGNER: Jethany Lee, CKD, Preston Feather Building Centers, 800-968-2501, prestonfeather.com

A natural-toned, sophisticated palette defines this kitchen in a new home on Burt Lake. Custom buttermilk-yellow maple cabinets and a rustic recovered-oak floor set a stage that is complemented by earth-colored granite counters, mocha-tiled backsplash and a distressed sage-green island. The island's carved turnings and beadboard accents create a furniture feel. The beadboard accent on the interior of the cabinets was a custom application applied on site to bring natural warmth to the kitchen. With its efficient, semi-open layout and cottage-style elegance the Russo kitchen was designed for Up North living.

PHOTOS: BRIAN CONFER.

Lilac Ln.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From I-75 take exit 313 for M-27 N. toward Cheboygan/Topinabee. Right at M-27/S. Straits Hwy. Straits Hwy. turns into N. Straits Hwy. Left at Topinabee Mail Rte. Left at Love Rd. to Peace Trail. Right at Lilac Ln.

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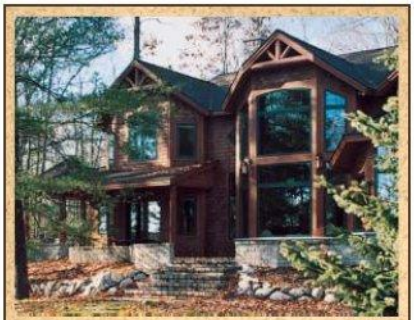

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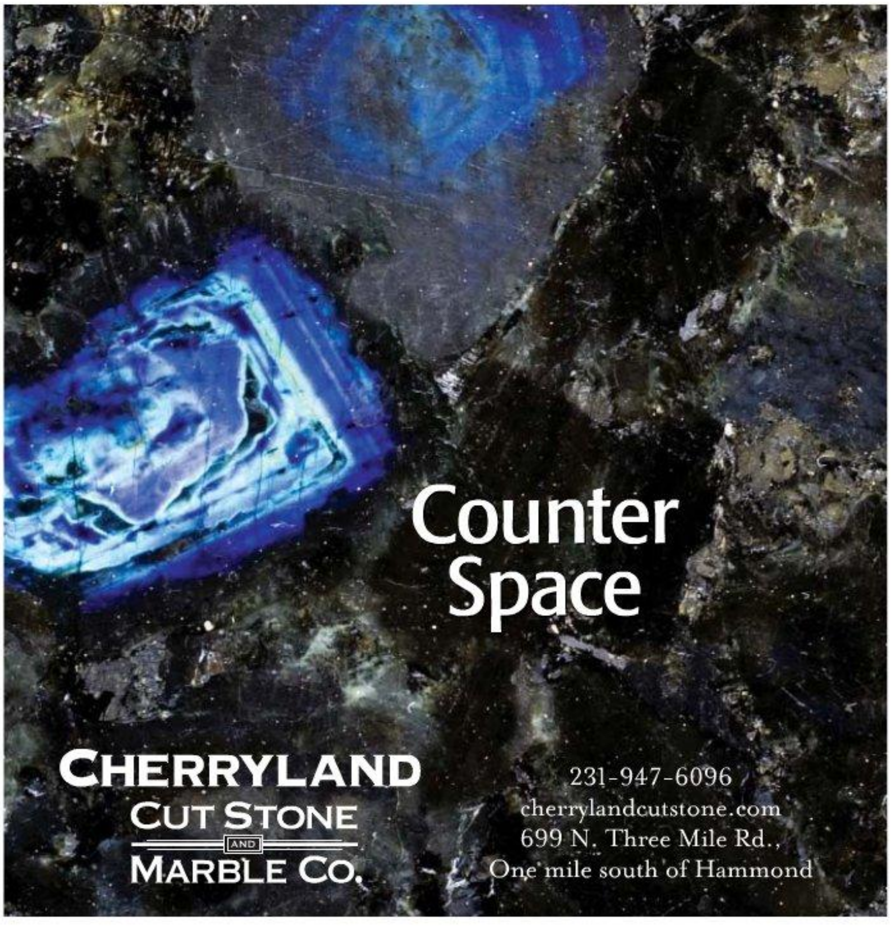

2 Freismuth, Indian River

DESIGNER: Dawn Whyte, Designs by Dawn, Petoskey, 231-347-1977, lakestreetdesignstudio.com

This kitchen built for two cooks combines traditional styling with a trendy two-tone finish on the cabinetry. Generous crown molding with dentil detail contributes to the traditional style, as do the wood-paneled refrigerator and wooden hutch with its arched glass doors. The hutch provides stylish, convenient storage for serving pieces near the dining table. A marble and metal backsplash and stainless steel farmhouse sink seamlessly blend tradition and trend. Granite countertops, stained maple floors and a generous island with an antique glaze over ivory paint complete this kitchen's timeless appeal.

PHOTOS: BRIAN CONFER.

1246 Wahbee Ave.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From I-75, take exit 313 for M-27 N. toward Cheboygan/ Topinabee. Turn left at M-27/S Straits Hwy Continue to follow S. Straits Hwy. Turn right at Waubun Rd. Turn left on Chippewa Beach. Turn right at Frontenac Rd. Turn right at N. Wahbee Ave.

3 Morales, Alanson

DESIGNER: Jethany Lee, CKD, Preston Feather Building Centers, 800-968-2501, prestonfeather.com

This home's setting on Pickerel Lake helped define a kitchen redo that is as bright and cottage-casual as it is efficient. The centerpiece is a distressed cayenne-red island with charming turned legs, beadboard doors and a maple butcher-block top. The island's warm, spicy red contrasts with off-white stained cabinets accented with a vanilla glaze. The homeowners hand selected their granite, a stone called Gold and Silver marked by black, white and gold veining. The granite adds an unexpected touch of contrast and sophistication to the kitchen.

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10488 McCarthy Rd.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Heading north on U.S. 31 10.9 miles north of Petoskey, turn right on M-68. Stay on M-68 2.8 miles, right at Lakeview. Left on McCarthy Rd.

4 Patton, Harbor Springs

DESIGNER: Brodie Smith, North Country Cabinets, Inc., Petoskey, 231-348-2869, northcountrycabinets.com

Do the dishes at this kitchen sink and you get a view of sailboats bobbing on Little Traverse Bay. But that's only part of the charm of this elegant cottage-style kitchen that includes chef-grade appliances like a 48-inch range, 42-inch refrigerator and bonus veggie sink. The French country–style range hood, granite countertops and a walnut-topped banquet stand out like jewels against white-painted cabinetry with inset doors and a rubbed finish. The cabinetmaker calls the finish the Michigan cottage look.

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251 E. Bay St.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From Petoskey follow M-119 (approximately 9.5 miles) west into Harbor Springs where it becomes E. Main St. Left at Gardner St. Right at E. Bay St.

5 Scholl, Petoskey

DESIGNER: Dawn Whyte, Designs by Dawn, Petoskey, 231-347-1977, lakestreetdesignstudio.com

Whimsical details and natural materials combine to make a fun, functional design statement in this kitchen. A custom quilted stainless refrigerator front, island legs turned to mimic a pearl necklace, beaded detail in the backsplash tile and bun feet on the cabinet bases pop against the wide-plank red oak floor, maple butcher-block counters and simple white cabinets. Luna Pearl granite countertops flecked with black and white crystals and vintage glass cabinetry knobs are as magical as they are sophisticated. Open shelving supported by oversized corbels provides convenient storage for black-and-white dinnerware that contributes to the cottage appeal.

PHOTOS: TODD ZAWISTOWSKI.

3424 Aurora Dr.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From U.S. 31 in Petoskey, turn south on N. Division Rd. Left at Country Club Rd. Slight left at Autumn Ln. Right at Aurora Dr.

6 Fettig, Petoskey

DESIGNER: Jilll Keene Brecheisen, Preston Feather Building Centers, 800-968-2501, prestonfeather.com

With its walnut floor and display of fine craftsmanship, the Fettig kitchen exemplifies the grand scale of the rest of this home with its soaring arched ceilings and grand windows. Elegant and traditional, yes, but this kitchen makes a fresh statement with its mix of cabinetry—stained maple with an off-white glaze. Crown molding, a glass-fronted wall-mount cabinet that echoes the feel of an antique piece and honey-toned granite add to the richness of this room. But don't be intimidated by good looks: from the efficient galley design to the two-tiered island and walk-in pantry, this is a kitchen that cooks.

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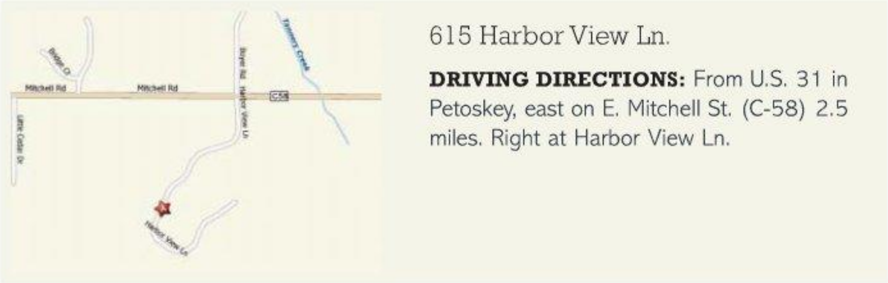

615 Harbor View Ln.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From U.S. 31 in Petoskey, east on E. Mitchell St. (C-58) 2.5 miles. Right at Harbor View Ln.

7 Banks, Petoskey

DESIGNER: Liz Firebaugh, CKD, Signature Kitchens, Petoskey, 231-439-0100, signaturekitchensonline.com

This kitchen remodel mixes organic materials and old-style craftsmanship with a modern aesthetic. Natural maple cabinets are punctuated with cherry inserts. Polished granite counters contrast with the subtle sheen of brushed stainless appliances. Shine of another kind is the focus of the commanding backsplash, a distressed copper and tile frieze. The frieze theme is repeated in the smaller tiles where crimped edges mimic the craft of an old-fashioned tinsmith. There is, however, nothing nostalgic about the display area at the end of the island; thick glass shelves and recessed lights bordered by stainless columns evoke the ambiance of an upscale art gallery.

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7665 Indian Garden Rd.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From Petoskey, take U.S. 31 toward Charlevoix 1.3 miles to Resort Pike Rd. Stay on Resort Pike 6 miles, past the first Indian Garden Rd. Left on second Indian Garden Rd.

8 Corrington, Bay Harbor

DESIGNER: Jill Keene Brecheisen, Preston Feather Building Centers, 800-968-2501, prestonfeather.com

A newly renovated kitchen is the heart of this beautiful Bay Harbor home. Light painted finishes on cabinetry keep the room feeling spacious while the dark walnut floor creates contrast and richness. The cooking area features a beadboard hood and tumbled marble backsplash. Cream granite countertops complement the cabinetry and backsplash without overpowering the space. Guests can take a seat at the counter while the cook puts the final touches on a meal. Details such as an integrated double drawer dishwasher, crown molding, turned spindle legs at the sink and mullion glass cabinet doors bring warmth and style to this custom kitchen.

PHOTOS: BRIAN CONFER.

5092 Wildwinds

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From Petoskey take U.S. 31 toward Charlevoix 3.8 miles. Right on Coastal Ridge Dr. (Bay Harbor Yacht Club entrance). Left at Wildwinds Dr.

9 Sutton, Charlevoix

DESIGNER: Liz Firebaugh, CKD, Amy Sutton, Signature Kitchens, Petoskey, 231-439-0100, signaturekitchensonline.com

With its black-and-green glazed cabinetry, silver sea green granite countertops and hickory floor laid in 4-and-5-inch planks, this efficient, semi-open kitchen blends with the sophisticated Up North-lodge feel of the rest of this home on Lake Michigan. Glass door cabinetry mounted at the ceiling creates unity between the kitchen and adjoining living room, while a large architectural column anchoring the corner of the kitchen smoothes the transition between the two rooms. Ample bar stools with easy access to the serving bar round out a space that performs equally well for cooks and guests.

PHOTOS: BRIAN CONFER.

11641 Pa-be Shan Ln.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From U.S. 31 in Charlevoix, north on Mercer Blvd. Right at Pa-Be-Shan.

10 White, Charlevoix

DESIGNER: Liz Firebaugh, CKD, Denise White, Signature Kitchens, Petoskey, 231-439-0100, signaturekitchensonline.com

The heart of this kitchen in a gracious home on Lake Michigan is a light-filled cooking and entertaining area with lake views. The focal-point hood with its new-cum-old motif blends beautifully with the limestone and copper tile backsplash. Designed to incorporate several of the owner's cherished antiques, including two corner cabinets, this space centers around a multi-level island that allows family members and guests to mingle with the cook. But when the entertaining really gets cooking in this house, the homeowner heads into an ultra-efficient prep kitchen tucked behind the main kitchen to "cook up a storm."

PHOTOS: BRIAN CONFER.

12695 Pa-be Shan Ln.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From U.S. 31 in Charlevoix, north on Mercer Blvd. Right at Pa-Be-Shan.

11 Pond, Kewadin

DESIGNER: Sara Busby, CKD, Sara Busby Design, Elk Rapids, 231-264-9411, sarabusbydesign.com

This kitchen in a home tucked into the woods on the Lake Michigan shore was custom-designed to fit the couple: he is a chef; she is an artist. For him, high-end appliances, two cooking islands, a bonus prep sink, pullout pantry and wine refrigerator. For her? A large slate chalk-board mounted on the wall in the dining nook where she creates a fresh piece of exquisite—if temporary—art each season. Natural-toned granite, an easy-on-the-upkeep limestone-style ceramic floor and white and natural maple cabinetry all work together to lend the kitchen a sophisticated cottage look that is a perfect fit for these nature-loving homeowners.

PHOTOS: BRIAN CONFER.

1021 Bay View Dr.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: 11.4 miles north of Elk Rapids on U.S. 31, left on Bay Colony Rd. 1.2 miles. Continue on Bay View Dr.

12 Pentland, Elk Rapids

DESIGNER: Sara Busby, CKC, Sara Busby Design, Elk Rapids, 231-264-9411, sarabusbydesign.com

From its perch on a wooded bluff overlooking Lake Michigan to its cedar-clad exterior and interior, this 30-year-old home has a close relationship with nature. That connection is borne out in a renovation marked by shades of green—from the soft-green glazed cabinets to the countertops and full-height backsplash, made from an ancient Brazilian stone called green marinace that reminds the homeowners of a creek bottom. This relaxed, natural look belies an efficient workspace with high-end appliances, bonus prep sink, desk area (with a lake view) and layered soft accent lighting custom designed around the cedar beamed ceilings.

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7248 N. Bayshore

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: 2.3 miles north of Elk Rapids on U.S. 31, left Harbor Dr. Left on N. Bayshore Dr.

13 Waskiewicz, Traverse City

DESIGNER: Angela Goodall, Kitchen Choreography, Traverse City, 231-932-9700, kitchenchoreography.net

This is a kitchen fit for a classic, turn-of-the-last-century, downtown Traverse City home. A space that originally included the master bedroom, master closet, galley kitchen and dining room was transformed into an efficient, eat-in kitchen for a young family. Throughout the project the designer stayed true to the home's original personality. The cabinetry is a soft ivory cream with small accents of beadboard, furniture legs and feet. The countertops are Green Mountain soapstone with a front apron sink—a style that was often used in homes of this generation. Every inch of space is utilized so that this kitchen functions as the center of family life.

PHOTOS: BRIAN CONFER.

512 Webster St.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From E. Front St. and Wellington, turn south on Wellington, 3 blocks to Webster St. Turn left on Webster.

14 Kronberg, Traverse City

DESIGNER: Wendy Sue Plamondon, Susan Knox, Wooden Hammer Annex, Traverse City, 231-943-7801, woodenhammer.com

A dark, outdated space became a bright, airy, cottage kitchen with views of East Bay and Old Mission Peninsula orchards. Warm neutral walls are a fresh backdrop to the pearl-colored painted cabinets, New Venetian Gold granite countertops and hardwood floors in warm mahogany. State-of-the-art appliances surround the homeowners, who love to cook. Sunday mornings, the homeowners make blueberry pancakes on the professional dual-fuel range with griddle. The range is topped by a paneled hood with an arched valance and chunky corbels. The arch, a repeating element, is also seen on the travertine tile backsplash and the sink base.

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16650 Vineyard Ln.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From U.S. 31 in Traverse follow M-37 north out Old Mission Peninsula 11.2 miles. Right at Ladd Rd. Left at Smokey Hollow Rd. Left at Vineyard Ln.

15 Colling, Traverse City

DESIGNER: Jennifer Henderson, Northwood Kitchens, Inc., Traverse City, 231-941-1470, northwoodkitchens.com

A hand-scraped cherry wood floor and a burnished finish on the oak cabinets and cherry island lend this kitchen a sophisticated country home ambiance. Note how the multiple-step trim molding, extending to the ceiling and corbel accents, adds to the room's substantial feel. A wood-paneled refrigerator and antiqued-pewter cabinet hardware round out this wonderful example of a traditional kitchen that is perfectly comfortable Up North.

PHOTOS: BRIAN CONFER.

696 Brakel Point Dr.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From U.S. 31 in Traverse City, south on Division St. (M-37/U.S. 31) 6.2 miles. Right on Chums Village Dr. Left on Heartland Dr. Right on S. East Silver Lake Rd. Right on Brakel Pt. Dr. Keep left at fork.

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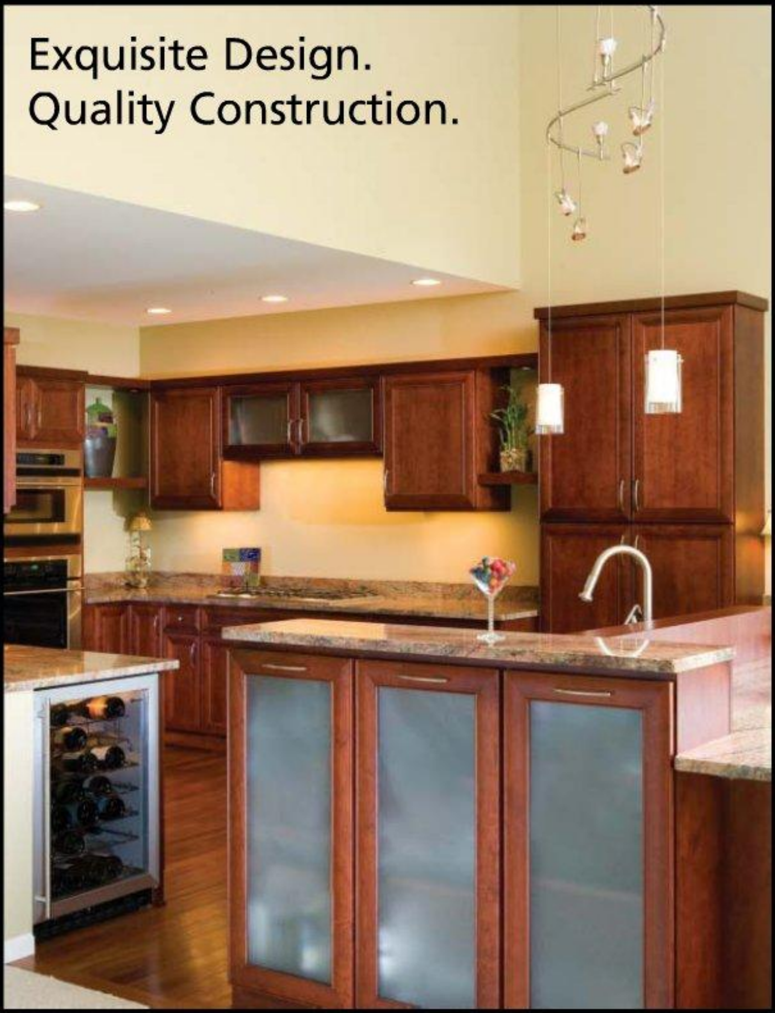

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16 Stuck-Mertz, Traverse City

DESIGNER: Sandra Bargiel, CKD, Bay Cabinetry, Traverse City, 231-946-6882, baycabinetry.com

The homeowners' design leanings are toward modern, though the existing home's exterior has strong transitional lines and the interior has a country feeling. The solution for this new kitchen was a transitional style utilizing both traditional and modern forms in a clean, but not sterile, way. Detail such as the square recessed cabinet panels and the warmth of the stained cherry cabinetry softens its modernity. The cabinetry's horizontal lines and thick floating shelves provide linear movement creating a calm, Zenlike space. The multi-level island is designed for three specific functions: food prep, home office space and dishware cabinet.

PHOTOS: TODD ZAWISTOWSKI.

12800 S. Harbor Pointe Dr.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From intersection of M-72 and M-22 in Traverse City, 1.2 miles on S. West Bayshore Dr./M-22 (toward Suttons Bay). Turn right at N. Marina Village Dr./S. Marina Village Dr. Follow right at S. Marina Village Dr. Turn right on S. Harbor Pointe Dr.

17 Amos, Suttons Bay

DESIGNER: Sandra Bargiel, CKD, Bay Cabinetry, Traverse City, 231-946-6882, baycabinetry.com

This state-of-the-art kitchen was meticulously designed to blend with its accurate reproduction of a Federal Colonial period farmhouse. Butter-yellow cabinetry, molding, trim and wainscot contrast with mossy green plaster walls—a color palette that is authentic to the Federal Colonial period. The honed Indian Absolute Black granite countertops echo soapstone that was used during the colonial era. A beadboard ceiling and wide-planked pine flooring anchored with walnut pegs pulls the historic look together. Don't miss the butler's pantry with its Old World glass doors that connect the kitchen to the dining/library and living room.

PHOTOS: BRIAN CONFER.

5619 S. Elm Ridge Dr.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From Traverse City, take S. West Bayshore Dr/M-22 (toward Suttons Bay) 8.4 miles from M-72 West. Turn Left on E. Shady Ln. Turn Right on S. Elm Valley Rd. Barely ⅛ mile turn right on S. Elm Ridge Dr. On right at end of cul-de-sac.

18 Haring, Lake Leelanau

DESIGNER: Paula Kersten, CID and Northern Lumber Company, Suttons Bay, 888-271-3804, northernlumber.com

Butter-cream painted cabinetry that stretches to meet the natural granite counters helped transform a cramped, barely-functional cottage kitchen into an efficient space that exudes country sophistication. Note the designer's sleight of hand in incorporating a new required structural beam into the hood design. Other touches to look for? The handsome, yet practical maple end-grain chopping nook, tumbled marble backsplash, the double-drawer dishwasher camouflaged in cabinetry and warm-toned red oak floor.

PHOTOS: TODD ZAWISTOWSKI.

1971 S Lakeshore Dr.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From M-204 in Lake Leelanau, south on C-643 (South Lakeshore Dr.) 1.8 miles, just past red barn on left.

19 Grove, Manistee

DESIGNER: Pamela Schindlbeck and Jennifer Kolanowski, Pamela's Interior Designs, Inc., 231-723- 8688, pamelasinteriors.net

Preserving the period look of this 1927 Sears Craftsman-style kit home was paramount in this kitchen renovation. The 10-by-12-foot space also required a carefully planned design that features new Arts & Crafts–style cherry cabinets, a hammered copper sink from Mexico, a Hoosier-style cabinet and an antique bar installed against the wall in lieu of an eating island. The hand-cut Jeffery Court slate tile on the backsplash with its deco accent pieces reflects the Craftsman theme, as does the faux-copper ceiling by Jaima Brown Home. The original maple floor was discovered underneath the vinyl floor and refurbished.

PHOTOS: BRIAN CONFER.

520 4th St.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From U.S. 31 in Manistee, west on 1st St. Left at Spruce St. Right at 4th St. Corner of 4th and Cedar Sts.

Pie Baking Central

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BY **ELIZABETH EDWARDS**

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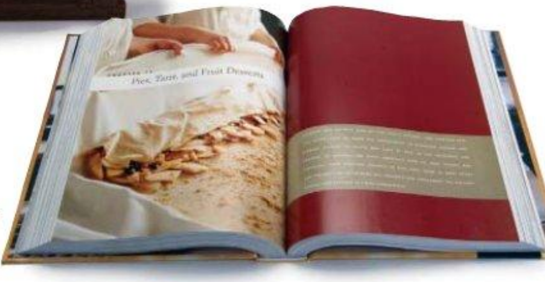

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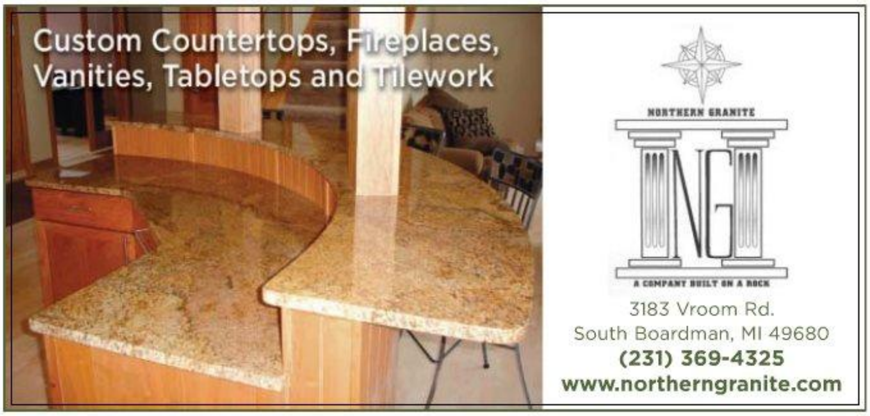

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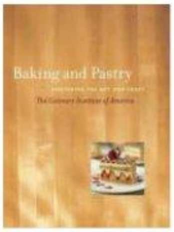
Basic Pie Dough

Makes 6 pounds 6 ounces*

- 3 pounds* all purpose flour
- ½ ounce salt
- 1 pound butter, cut into pieces and chilled
- 1 pound shortening, cut into pieces and chilled

1. Combine the flour and salt in the bowl of a stand mixer. Add the butter and shortening and blend using a dough-hook attachment until pea-sized nuggets form, about 3 minutes. Add the water all at once and continue to mix until the dough just comes together.
2. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured work surface. Scale the dough as desired.* Wrap tightly and refrigerate for at least 1 hour before rolling. (The dough can be held under refrigeration or frozen.)

***Editor's Note:** It's best to use a scale for this recipe, but if you don't have one, know that: recipe makes approximately 6 double-crust pies; 3 pounds of all purpose flour is equivalent to 9½ cups; 1 pound butter and 1 pound shortening are each equivalent to 2 cups.



Recipes excerpted from *Baking and Pastry Mastering the Art and Craft* by The Culinary Institute of America, pages 246 and 502 (2004, JOHN WILEY & SONS).

Apple Pie

Makes one 9-inch pie

- 1 pound, 4 ounces* Basic Pie Dough
- 1 pound, 8 ounces golden delicious apples, peeled, cored and sliced ⅛-inch thick
- 5 ounces sugar
- ½ ounce tapioca starch
- ¾ ounce cornstarch
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ fluid ounce lemon juice
- 1 ounce butter, melted
- Egg wash, as needed (see recipe below)

Note: Other fresh fruit, such as peaches or nectarines, can be substituted for the apples.

1. Divide the dough in half. Roll out half of the dough to ⅛-inch thick and line the pie pan. Reserve the other half, wrapped tightly in plastic wrap, in refrigerator.
2. Combine the sugar, tapioca, cornstarch, salt, nutmeg, cinnamon, lemon juice, and melted butter and toss with the apples.
3. Fill the pie shell with the apple mixture. Brush the rim of the dough with egg wash.
4. Roll out the remaining dough to a thickness of ⅛ inch and place it over the filling. Crimp the edges to seal, and cut a few vents in the top of the pie.
5. Bake at 375° until the filling is bubbling and the crust is a rich golden brown, about 45 minutes.
6. Serve warm, or cool to room temperature before serving.

Egg Wash

Whip together 1 egg and 2 tablespoons milk.

***Editor's Note:** It's best to use a scale for this recipe, but if you don't have one, know that: ⅙ of the Basic Pie Dough recipe on p.51 is equivalent to two 9-inch crusts; 1 pound 8 ounces of sliced apples is equal to about 4 cups.

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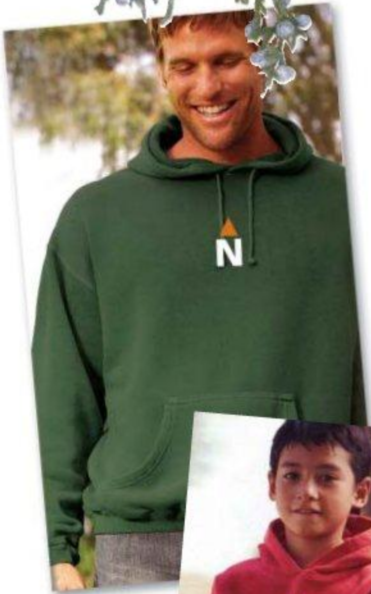

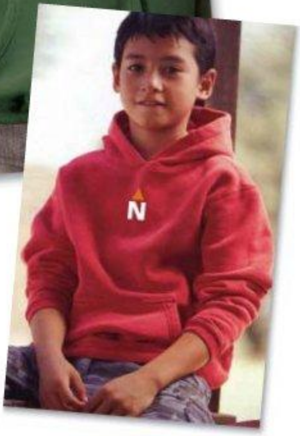

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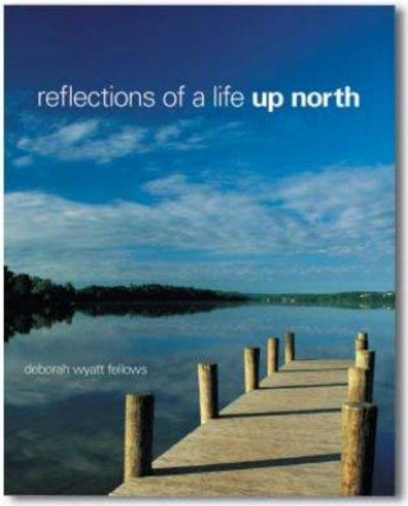

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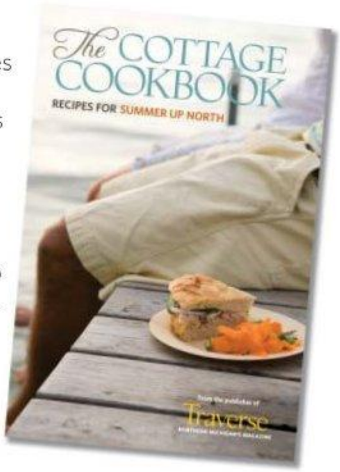

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Gingerbread Ornaments

Gingerbread Ornament Dough

- 3 tablespoons shortening
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup molasses
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ¾ cup water
- 3½ cups flour
- 1 teaspoon each: cloves, ginger and cinnamon

Beat shortening and sugar together then stir in molasses. Mix dry ingredients and gradually add shortening mixture, beating on low.

Make gingerbread dough using the recipe above. Refrigerate overnight. Gather an assortment of leaves in all shapes and sizes. Roll dough out on a lightly floured surface to ¼-inch thick. Press leaves into the dough, vein side down—apply plenty of pressure. Using a sharp knife cut around the sides of the leaves. When cutting around stems, leave extra dough on each side.

Gently pull excess dough from around leaf. If you want to hang the leaves, use a straw to make a hole near the base of the leaves. Transfer the gingerbread leaves to a cookie sheet and carefully pull the real leaves away. Bake at 350°F for 20 minutes. Place on rack to harden for several days, then seal with spray varnish. Remember, these are for show, not to eat. —E.E.

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